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Hon. James H. Welsh, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
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Dear Sir:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. requests the calling of a public hearing, after due legal notice, to consider the following matters pertaining to the 15 Marker Zone, 16A Marker Sand, 17 Marker Sand, and 2A Zone in the Buras Levee District E No. 182 Well, in the West Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of all hydrocarbons from the sands defined below.
2. To establish single drilling and production units for all the sands defined below.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts and mineral leases and other mineral interests within the units.
4. To designate Chevron U.S.A. Inc. as operator of the various units.
5. To designate Chevron's Buras Levee District E Well No. 182 as the unit well for all the units formed.
6. To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate wells for said units shall be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
7. To provide for future reclassification of the reservoirs without the necessity of a public hearing if such reclassification becomes necessary due to a change in production characteristics.
8. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner may deem pertinent.

The 15 Marker Zone, Reservoir A, in West Bay Field is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the electric log depths of 6,401 (-6,372 SS) feet and 6,462 (-6,433 SS) feet in the Chevron U.S.A. Inc. - Buras Levee District E Well No. 182, located in Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

The 16A Marker Sand, Reservoir D, in West Bay Field is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the electric log depths of 6,597 (-6,568 SS) feet and 6,618 (-6,589 SS) feet in the Chevron U.S.A. Inc. - Buras Levee District E Well No. 182, located in Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

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The 17 Marker Sand, Reservoir A, in West Bay Field is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the electric log depths of 6,707 (-6,678 SS) feet and 6,726 (-6,697 SS) feet in the Chevron U.S.A. Inc. - Buras Levee District E Well No. 182, located in Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

The 2A Zone, Reservoir A, in West Bay Field is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the electric log depths of 6,845 (-6,816 SS) feet and 6,899 (-6,870 SS) feet in the Chevron U.S.A. Inc. - Buras Levee District E Well No. 182, located in Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

Chevron will provide for the advertisement of the legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the West Bay Field, and also will post the legal notices and unit plats in a prominent place in the area of the field. Chevron will also mail a copy of said legal notice to Interested Owners, Represented Parties and to Interested Parties.

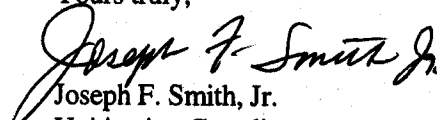
Attached are (1) a copy of the unit plats, (2) a list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties, and (3) our check in the amount of \$3,020.00 to cover the application fees.

A copy of this application, plats and list attached, is being sent to Mr. Richard D. Hudson, District Manager, Lafayette, Louisiana. A copy of this application and plats are also being sent to each Interested Owner, Represented Party, and Interested Party after a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

The pre-application conference was not held since Chevron did not receive a request to confer.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana, 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data that is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert **at the cost of the requesting party**. Any other questions or concerns should be directed to the undersigned at Chevron U.S.A. Inc., 935 Gravier St., Room 1944, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, telephone number (504) 592-6710.

Yours truly,


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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson, District Manager
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Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

